



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 1200***

LCO No. 4238

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:  
(KID)

***AN ACT CONCERNING A PROJECT TO ACCELERATE THE  
ADOPTION PROCESS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The Department of Children  
2       and Families shall contract with the American Bar Association to carry  
3       out the American Bar Association's Termination Barriers project in two  
4       regions in the state. The purpose of the project shall be to accelerate the  
5       adoption process in this state by reducing delays from the point a child  
6       is placed in foster care to the point where an order terminating  
7       parental rights is issued. The project shall: (1) Identify and analyze the  
8       cause of delays in termination proceedings; (2) develop policy  
9       recommendations; (3) establish written protocols, procedures and  
10      timetables; (4) implement reforms; (5) monitor the impact of  
11      implemented changes; and (6) disseminate project results throughout  
12      the state.

13      Sec. 2. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of one hundred thousand  
14      dollars is appropriated to the Department of Children and Families,  
15      from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the  
16      purpose of carrying out the project described in section 1 of this act.

17       Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of one hundred fifty thousand  
18 dollars is appropriated to the Department of Children and Families,  
19 from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, for the  
20 purpose of carrying out the project described in section 1 of this act.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To accelerate the adoption process by reducing delays in termination of parental rights proceedings.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*